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SUBJ: UNESCO: 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: PUBLICATION POLICY

1. YUGOSLAVS HAVE SUBMITTED DRAFT RESOLUTION 19C/ADM/DR.1, AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1977-78, PART IV, PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES, LANGUAGES, AND DOCUMENTS SERVICES, REFERRING TO 19C/5 PARAS 8005-8010.

2. OPERATIVE PARAS ARE:

(A) TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE WAYS OF REDISTRIBUTING THE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES DURING THE 1977-78 BIENNIUM SO AS TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR USE WITHIN THE FRAME-WORK OF THE PUBLISHING PROGRAM FOR BOOKS AND PERIODICALS, ON THE BASIS OF CO-OPERATION WITH NATIONAL COMMISSIONS AND UNDER THE PARTICIPATION PROGRAM, A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER AMOUNT FOR THE TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF UNESCO BOOKS AND PERIODICALS IN THE LESS WIDELY USED LANGUAGES IN ORDER TO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO SUCH EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

(B) TO STUDY WAYS OF ENABLING MEMBER STATES TO EXERCISE A GREATER INFLUENCE ON THE POLICY AND PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF UNESCO PERIODICALS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBMITTING THE PERIODICALS PROGRAMS PROPOSED FOR EACH BIENNIUM TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT

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ITS SESSIONS, TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF

SETTING UP INTERNATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMITTEES FOR CERTAIN
UNESCO PERIODICALS, AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION ON HIS CONCLUSIONS.

3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S COMMENT POINTS OUT RE-SECOND
OPERATIVE PARA THAT PUBLICATIONS POLICY IS ESTABLISHED
BY DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD, AND THAT THE POLICY IS APPLIED THROUGH THE
PUBLICATIONS BOARD AND THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLICATIONS.

4. USDEL WONDERS IF OPERATIVE PARA 1 WOULD CONFLICT
WITH OUR OBJECTIVE OF RESTRAINING MOUNTING COSTS OF LANGUAGE
SERVICES RESULTING FROM ADDITION OF MORE LANGUAGES.
WORKINGS OF OPERATIVE PARA TWO DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE
IN ABSENCE OF FIRM PROPOSALS FOR NEW MECHANISMS, BUT COULD
OPEN THE WAY FOR INCREASED DISSEMINATION OF POLITICAL
PHILOSOPHIES THAT ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH OURS.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE ITEM
NOVEMBER 1, AND DECIDED THAT THE POLICY NATURE OF IT
REQUIRED THAT A PROGRAM COMMISSION MAKE THE DECISION,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE. NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT TO DETERMINE WHICH
COMMISSION WILL GET THE ACTION, OR WHEN, BUT WOULD SEEM
UNLIKELY ARISE BEFORE THURSDAY.

6. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, USDEL PLANS TO ABSTAIN.
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